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SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZON (SPNFZ)

REF: WELLINGTON 1900 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY
TEXT QUOTED BELOW OF DRAFT UN RESOLUTION ON SPNFZ.
MINISTRY STATES TEXT IS BEING PROVIDED NZ EMBASSIES
WASHINGTON AND CANBERRA AS BASIS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH
US AND AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSCIOUS OF TH URGENT NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON MEASURES
TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF GENERAL AN COMPLETE DISARMAMENT,
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INCLUDING NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL

CONTROL,

CONVINCED THAT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND CONTINUANCE OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE ARE AMONG THE GREATEST THREATS TO WORLD PEACE,
NOTING THAT ARTICLE VII OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACKNOWLEDGES THE RIGHT OF ANY GROUP OF STATES TO CONCLUDE A TREATY TO ASSURE THE TOTAL ABSENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES,

NOTING FURTHER THE DECLARATION OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONES ON THE INITIATIVE AND WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE DIRECTLY CONCERNED STATES OF THE ZONE, REPRESENTS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CURBING THE SPREAD OF SUCH WEAPONS, AND COULD CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SECURITY OF THOSE STATES,

ENDORsing ALSO THE DECLARATION OF THE REVIEW CONFERENCE THAT THE COOPERATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES IS NECESSARY FOR THE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY TREATY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE,

NOTING IN ADDITION THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT OR SELF GOVERNING STATES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC IN THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM OF 3 JULY 1975 EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION FREE FROM THE RISK OF NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION AND OF INVOLVEMENT IN A NUCLEAR CONFLICT AND COMMENDED THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING THAT AIM,

1. ENDORSES THE IDEA OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

2. INVITES THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO CARRY FORWARD CONSULTATIONS ABOUT WAYS AND MEANS OF REALISING THIS
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OBJECTIVE.

3. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ALL STATES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, WILL LEND THEIR FULL COOPERATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IDEA.

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO RENDER ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE STATES

OF THE REGION IN GIVING EFFECT TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS
RESOLUTION. END QUOTE
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